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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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Netanyahu will never crush the Palestinian Resistance!

On August 9, Israel's security cabinet approved a proposal made by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for the complete takeover of Gaza. Netanyahu claims the goal is to "liberate Gaza from Hamas" — in other words, annihilate the Palestinian Resistance.

However, as the saying goes, "The people, united, will never be defeated." This is certainly true for Palestine's freedom fighters.

Palestinians have been fighting for liberation — not from the resistance but from the Zionist occupation — since the founding of the state of Israel in 1948. What Israel has not been able to do in 77 years, it will not accomplish in 2025, despite Netanyahu's bravado.

In spite of mass killings and maimings, Palestine fights on. In spite of the destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, mosques, churches and infrastructure, Palestine fights on. In spite of widespread famine, Palestine fights on.

It's not just the Palestinians or solidarity activists who are saying that Israel can't defeat Palestine — chanting "Palestine will never die" at demonstrations.

On Aug. 3, 19 Israeli military and intelligence officials issued a video statement warning the Israeli government that it was on the verge of being defeated by the Palestinian Resistance and its allies. Former Prime Minister Ehud Barak was among them. Former Mossad Director Tamir Pardo stated that Israel is "on the precipice of defeat." Mossad is Israel's national agency responsible for espionage and covert operations.

Pardo even said that: "We are hiding behind a lie that we wrought. This lie was sold to the Israeli public, and the world has long since understood that it doesn't reflect the real picture." (popularresistance.org, Aug. 4)

The 19 Israeli officials also signed a letter to President Donald Trump asking him to use his influence to end the war (really a genocide, but they don't use that word) in Gaza. Even pro-Zionist former Israeli leaders are saying Israel is fighting a losing battle. Netanyahu, with all his belligerent bluster, does not have a plan that can defeat a people determined to win liberation.

Palestine will never die. The people, united, will never be defeated! ☐

The weapon of resistance is a legitimate right

Hamas leader Osama Hamdan made the following statement to Al-Araby TV. It was posted on Resistance News Network on Aug. 10.

As long as the occupation exists, the weapon of resistance is a legitimate right; rather, resistance as a whole is a legitimate right for the Palestinian people.

We as Palestinians believe that the weapon of resistance is linked to our project of liberation. If liberation happens and the Palestinian state is established, then it is natural for this weapon to be the weapon of this state.

We made significant progress in the last round of negotiations before Witkoff's statements undermined them. Mediators' efforts are ongoing, and we have not been informed of any new developments regarding ceasefire negotiations.

The siege on the Gaza Strip must be ended, and humanitarian and medical aid must be brought into the Strip; without that, it is not reasonable for negotiations to continue.

Any new proposals must include a clear "israeli" position because we do not need to discuss issues only for "israel" to then reject them.

If some think that the resistance has the option of surrender, they are deluded in that. And if the enemy thinks it can force the Palestinians to surrender if its aggression continues, it is deluded. ☐

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Phony airlifts

EU photo ops won't stop Israeli-imposed famine

By Sara Flounders

Faced with demonstrations, urgent appeals and growing mass outrage that permeates all public space, the leading governments of the European Union staged a series of fraudulent photo ops that must be exposed and denounced globally. The EU is an imperialist bloc dominated by the former colonial powers of Europe.

For 22 months, European imperialists have stood with U.S. imperialism in shipping arms and munitions parts to Israel, while continuing all other forms of trade and giving diplomatic support to the apartheid state to aid in waging a genocidal war on resistance in Gaza.

This whole airdrop from Germany doesn't equal two truckloads of supplies.

For two years, EU countries have made every effort to shut down all forms of solidarity with Palestine by grassroots movements. But the groundswell of support refused to be silenced, and the mobilizations have grown in numbers and determination.

Now these same countries have changed tactics. With wall-to-wall publicity, video images were broadcast of French military officials loading palettes of material aid onto a cargo plane for a humanitarian airlift to Gaza. Close-in camera shots made it appear to be substantial material.

Headlines declared that France and other EU countries, in alliance with the corrupt monarchies of Jordan and the United Arab Emirates, started to air-drop 40 tons of humanitarian aid to Gaza on Aug. 1.

France's President Emmanuel Macron wrote a grandiose statement on social media platform X on Aug. 1: "Faced with the absolute urgency, we have just conducted a food airdrop operation in Gaza. Thank you to our Jordanian, Emirati and German partners for their support and to our military personnel for their commitment."

Cynical, criminal ploy

A front page picture in the Sunday, Aug. 3, New York Times leads with the headline: "Trying to save lives." Its caption under a picture of parachutes reads: "Amid reports of starvation, a Jordanian Air Force plane dropped 20 tons of aid packages on southern Gaza on Thursday." The accompanying news article is headlined: "A desperate effort to feed many desperate Gazans."

Forty tons of material or 20 tons from Jordan sounds like a lot of supplies and a big life-saving operation. It appears that these countries are confronting the Israeli /U.S. starvation policy. This is a cynical and criminal ploy.

The 40 tons of material airdropped by France is less than two truckloads of supplies. It is a teardrop of aid in a howling desert of need. Gaza needs at least 500 trucks of supplies a day to feed its destitute population of 2 million people.

The front-page picture of Jordan's airdrop equals one truckload. A typical tractor trailer in the U.S. can carry approximately 20 to 25 tons of flour or other supplies. Flatbed trailers are capable of transporting loads with a maximum weight of 24 tons.

The publicity stunt airlift involved several countries, including Germany; Spain sending 12 tons (half a truck load); and on to Italy, over several weeks. These combined airlifts will total 100 tons, or five truckloads of "essential supplies." Britain, of course, jumped in with a truckload of aid.

These meager flights of "humanitarian supplies" to Gaza compare to the 6,000 flights by Britain and the U.S. from bases throughout Europe to create an "air bridge" of military supplies to Israel. (aljazeera.com, Oct. 24, 2024)

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine (UNRWA) stated that as of July 26, there are approximately 6,000 aid trucks in Jordan and Egypt, including those waiting approval at crossings such as Rafah, to enter Gaza. Osama Hamdan, former senior representative of Hamas in Lebanon and Tehran, in a statement from Hamas explained that a total of 22,000 aid trucks from many different agencies and sources are waiting at the borders of Gaza.

Airdrops part of starvation policy

Al Jazeera reports: "The Gaza Ministry of Interior and National Security has condemned the performative airdrops of aid in Gaza, characterizing them as a tool of

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Philadelphia rally

End U.S./Israeli siege of Gaza!

By Betsey Piette

Hundreds of pro-Palestine activists gathered outside Philadelphia's City Hall late afternoon on Aug. 10 demanding a stop to the siege of Gaza and an end to U.S. and Israel's forced starvation and genocide in Gaza. Organized by the Philadelphia Palestine Coalition and endorsed by over 20 organizations, the protest called for people "to flood the streets, show up like we never have before and remain steadfast in our solidarity with the Palestinian people" who are suffering from mass starvation.

From the comments made by the Coalition speaker who opened the rally and throughout the chants on the march that followed, support for the resistance in Gaza and West Asia was the clear message.

After the opening rally, protesters marched up JFK Boulevard to 18th Street where they stopped for a mini-rally outside the Philadelphia offices of the Boston Consulting Group. BCG is responsible for the creation of the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, set up with the goal of forcing Palestinians to flee Gaza due to the mass starvation. As of Aug. 10, over 1,500 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli soldiers and U.S. mercenaries while seeking food from the so-called aid distribution sites run by GHF in Gaza.

Speaking at the location, Hannah Gann, with Philadelphia Educators for Palestine, also addressed BCG's consulting role when it was hired by the Philadelphia school district. The result: 30 public schools were closed in 2013.

From the BCG office, the demonstration stopped at Sister City Park to hear a speaker for Free Congo Philly.

The march continued to the headquarters of war profiteer Day & Zimmermann for a closing rally. A speaker from Philadelphia Students for Justice in Palestine described how this company, the manufacturer of weapons used by the Israel Occupation Forces to kill and maim Palestinians in Gaza, has become the target of twice weekly demonstrations. For the past 11 weeks, these protests have been demanding Day & Zimmermann "out of Philly!" ❐

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Phony airlifts

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manipulation, rather than genuine aid for the starved Palestinians in the Strip. The Ministry said the Israeli occupation is exploiting the airdropping of aid boxes as part of its deliberate starvation policy, fueling chaos, lawlessness, and the rise of armed gangs and looters.

"The airdrops have caused a large number of casualties among civilians in the ensuing chaos, with some aid packages falling directly onto homes and the tents of displaced people, resulting in deaths, including [of] women and children." (Aug. 6)

The ruling class of the European imperialist countries has its own sordid history of horrific massacres and famines in imposing colonial rule. Each colonial power blessed its troops, cloaking its looting and expropriations in promises of being merciful while bringing civilization and salvation by sword and fire. They know the script all too well.

When there are profits to be made, the preservation of human life is not a part of their calculations.

Ultimately each colonial power was driven out of its African and Asian colonies at great human cost. This will be the fate of imperialism's proxy—Israel—in West Asia. ❐

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Los mentirosos figuran... ¡y despiden a la gente!

El dicho «las cifras no mienten, pero los mentirosos sí» se ha atribuido a menudo al escritor Mark Twain. Algunos investigadores discrepan sobre la fuente. Pero sea cual sea su origen, el adagio podría aplicarse fácilmente al presidente Donald Trump, a quien no le interesan las cifras reales que se ajustan a la realidad.

Y podrían añadirse otras palabras: Los mentirosos despiden a la gente.

Trabajadores en paro se manifiestan en los años 30. Los trabajadores de hoy necesitan un movimiento de masas para luchar por el empleo.

La doctora Erika McEntarfer, comisionada de la Oficina de Estadísticas Laborales (BLS), publicó el 1 de agosto datos que sugerían una ralentización de la economía, basándose en el número de nuevos empleos creados en julio. También presentó cifras de empleo revisadas y menos optimistas para mayo y junio. Estos informes se basan en información objetiva y en métodos que la BLS ha utilizado sea quien sea el presidente.

Trump despidió a McEntarfer el mismo día en que se hicieron públicas las cifras. Dijo que sus datos estaban de alguna manera «amañados» para hacer parecer que la economía capitalista no ha estado, como ha afirmado Trump, en auge desde que asumió el cargo en enero.

El nombramiento de McEntarfer fue aprobado el año pasado con apoyo bipartidista: sólo ocho senadores se opusieron a su designación. Entre los que votaron a favor de ella estaban los entonces senadores JD Vance y Marco Rubio, ahora vicepresidente y secretario de Estado respectivamente, y ambos serviles a Trump.

La maniobra descaradamente dictatorial de Trump viola incluso las normas democráticas burguesas básicas. La clase capitalista confía en organismos como el BLS para obtener información estadística que refleje cómo va su economía, incluso cuando las cifras presentan un panorama negativo.

Trump despidió a una persona encargada de proporcionar la información necesaria. Por ello, muchos políticos de ambos partidos están condenando las acciones de Trump.

Por supuesto, son los trabajadores los que realmente sufren cuando caen los niveles de empleo. Los ricos siguen siendo ricos cuando eso ocurre. En julio, según el BLS, sólo se crearon 73.000 nuevos puestos de trabajo, pero hubo 985.000 «nuevos entrantes» que estaban desempleados mientras buscaban su primer empleo. Esto supuso un aumento de 275.000 personas, probablemente en su mayoría jóvenes. (bls.gov, 1 de agosto)

El número oficial total de trabajadores desempleados se mantuvo estable en 7,2 millones. Otros 4,7 millones de personas estaban subempleadas, es decir, trabajaban a tiempo parcial porque no podían encontrar un trabajo a tiempo completo. Las cifras de empleo se vieron afectadas por los recortes en la plantilla federal bajo Trump, así como por los despidos masivos de trabajadores del sector tecnológico.

Las tasas de desempleo son más altas para los trabajadores de color, como suele ser el caso. Y las cifras no incluyen a los trabajadores encarcelados e indocumentados, que son miembros integrales de la clase trabajadora.

Desempleo y bajos salarios

Los capitalistas se benefician cuando hay millones más de trabajadores buscando empleo que puestos de trabajo, porque la competencia tiende a presionar los salarios a la baja. Esto significa que los ricos se embolsan más dinero como beneficio.

Lo que significa para la clase trabajadora es que cerca de la mitad, o según algunas encuestas más de la mitad, de todos los trabajadores estadounidenses viven «de cheque en cheque». En otras palabras, les queda poco o ningún dinero después de sus gastos de subsistencia, y una catástrofe inesperada podría llevarles al borde del abismo. (econofact.org, 26 de febrero)

Sin embargo, en el capitalismo tardío -el capitalismo en un callejón sin salida- una crisis de sobreproducción amenaza los beneficios. Los capitalistas dependen de las agencias federales, incluida la BLS, para que les mantengan informados sobre el estado de la economía, de modo que puedan idear cómo trasladar la carga de una recesión o una depresión a la clase trabajadora. El mercado de valores se desplomó tras conocerse el informe sobre el empleo.

Mientras Trump culpa a los demócratas de amañar las cifras para hacerle quedar mal, los demócratas verán una recesión económica como una oportunidad para recuperar sus pérdidas en las próximas elecciones. Presentarán el despido de McEntarfer como otro asalto a «nuestra democracia».

En realidad, las dificultades económicas que sufren los trabajadores son producto de un sistema que antepone los beneficios a las personas, independientemente de quién se siente en la Casa Blanca o controle el Congreso y de lo bien que sigan las normas de conducta del capitalismo.

La tarea de los revolucionarios es canalizar la ira por los ataques de Trump contra la clase trabajadora, así como el desempleo, el subempleo y los bajos salarios -que afectan de manera desproporcionada a los trabajadores oprimidos y a los jóvenes- en la dirección de derrocar todo el sistema capitalista. ☐

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